



United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

October 13, 2009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I refer to the amendment of July 27 and August 8, 2009, to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Regarding the Reduction of Certain Debts Owed to, Guaranteed by, or Insured by the United States Government or Its Agencies. The Agreement was signed in Kabul, Afghanistan on March 10, 2008.

I am pleased to notify you that all necessary U.S. domestic legal requirements for entry into force of this amendment have been fulfilled. You may consider the amendment as having entered into force as of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Meale".

David Meale
Acting Director
Office of Monetary Affairs

His Excellency
Said Tayeb Jawad
Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Washington, D.C.

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**Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ministry of Finance**

August 8, 2009

Ambassador Anthony Wayne
Embassy of the United States of America
Kabul, Afghanistan

RE: Diplomatic Note Number 09-2312

Dear Ambassador Wayne:

I am in receipt of Diplomatic Note Number 09-2312 dated July 27, 2009, addressing suggested changes to the current Bilateral Debt Agreement signed by Afghanistan and the United States in March 2008.

We have reviewed the changes suggested and are in agreement with and accept them. Please accept this letter as formal acceptance of these changes. This letter and the aforementioned Diplomatic Note shall constitute an amendment to the underlying debt agreement signed in March 2008.

As stated in the Diplomatic Note, we shall await the preparation of the amounts related to the loan contracts from various U.S. Government agencies and shall review them upon receipt from you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the United States for the extension of the consolidation period under the agreement to March 31, 2010, and I am hopeful that this will provide us with the necessary time to be able to reach Completion Point under HIPC.

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Zakhilwal
Minister of Finance
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

No. 09-2312

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Finance of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and has the honor to refer to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Regarding the Reduction of Certain Debts Owed to, Guaranteed by, or Insured by the United States Government or its Agencies, signed in Kabul, Afghanistan, on March 10, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement").

The Embassy of the United States has the further honor to refer to the message from the Vice Chairman of the Paris Club of July 2, 2009, advising the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan of the Paris Club's decision to extend the consolidation period in the Agreed Minutes signed in Paris on July 18, 2007 and subsequently signed by the representative of Afghanistan on September 25, 2007. In keeping with this decision, the Embassy of the United States of America proposes to amend the Agreement as follows:

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

--Delete the current text of Article II, paragraph 3 of the Agreement and replace it with the following text:

"'Consolidation Period' means the period from July 1, 2007, through March 31, 2010, inclusive."

Delete the current text of Article IV, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Agreement and replace it with the following text: "1.

The provisions of this Agreement will apply during the period July 1, 2007, to March 31, 2010, inclusive." Article IV, paragraphs 3-13 should be renumbered accordingly.

--Delete the current text of the second sentence of Article IV, paragraph 4 of the Agreement and replace it with the following text: "In making a decision whether to redirect such payments, the United States may take into account any factors it deems appropriate."

--Delete the current text of the Article IV, paragraph 5 of the Agreement and replace it with the following text: "4. Except as modified by Article IV, paragraph 2 of this Agreement, all terms and provisions of the Rescheduling Agreement remain in full force and effect."

If so amended, the amounts consolidated and reduced will be

adjusted accordingly, in conformity with Article III, paragraph 2 and Article IV, paragraph 12 of the Agreement, as amended above. The Agencies of the United States Government will undertake to notify the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan of those amounts in the coming weeks.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Embassy of the United States of America proposes that this note and the Ministry's reply note shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement, which shall enter into force upon written notice to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan from the United States that all U.S. domestic legal requirements for entry into force of the amendment have been fulfilled.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Finance of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan the assurance of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Kabul, July 27, 2009.



A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of the Ambassador, written over the seal.